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**ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 21, 2003, restricting further prosecution in the case, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: